

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response the Decision on Rehearing dated July 21, 2005. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-7, and 9-16 are currently pending in this application, with claim 1 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Amendment of the claims

After decision by the Board, the proceeding will be returned to the examiner, subject to appellant's right of appeal or other review, for such further action by appellant or by the examiner, as the condition of the proceeding may require, to carry into effect the decision. 37 C.F.R. §41.54.

In this regard, independent claims 1, 6 and 12 have been amended in accordance with the Decision on Rehearing dated July 21, 2005.

Specifically, the features of claim 3 have been wholly incorporated into claim 1 to form amended claim 1. Thus, prior claim 3 is now amended claim 1. Claims 6 and 12 have been amended to depend from amended claim 1.

Claims 3, 8 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter.

At least for the following reasons, if the allowance of the claims is not forthcoming at the very least and a new ground of rejection made, then the Examiner is respectfully requested to submit the matter to the Technology Center (TC) Director for authorization to reopen prosecution for the purpose of entering the new rejection. M.P.E.P. §1214.04.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

Extensions of time

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Fees

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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